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1. A commission of experts to investigate the possibilities of setting up a factory for the manufacture of 100 percent alcohol for technical, industrial and medical requirements arrived at Ljubljana from Belgrade on 3 February 1949 with Engineer Ante Kastelic at its head.
2. The output of 100 percent alcohol in Yugoslavia is insignificant at present. It is proposed to restrict the sale of liquors in order to use the spirit thus saved as alcohol for technical and industrial purposes. Another reason for this move is to economize on the importation of alcohol from abroad, as great difficulties have recently arisen in this connection. Unrefined alcohol will be used for tractors.
3. an output of 15,000,000 - 18,000,000 liters of alcohol will enable imports of gasoline to be cut down appreciably. Production of anything like this quantity, however, is most improbable, since little of the necessary equipment has yet been received from Germany on reparations account. What little has arrived is at present stored at Ljubljana and Fiume.
4. In the meantime, the Central Office of "Jugopetrol" has asked for 7,500,000 liters of gasoline for distribution in 1949.

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